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BISHOP INVITES STUDENTS TO COMPETE IN ART CONTEST

Coram, NY—Congressman Tim Bishop (D-Southampton) is inviting high school art students in his congressional district to participate in the 23rd annual Congressional Art Competition. The winner of the competition will have his or her work displayed in a year-long exhibit in the U.S. Capitol and will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship to study art at Southampton College of Long Island University. Last year's winner was Beth Tosca from Southold High School and her work is currently on display in the Capitol.

Bishop's office has sent an invitation to compete in the competition to all high schools in the 1st Congressional District. The contest is open to all sophomore, junior and senior high school students in Brookhaven, Smithtown and the five East End towns.

"The Congressional Art Contest is a wonderful opportunity to identify and encourage our nation's talented young artists," Bishop said. "It provides a showcase for their talent and continues Long Island's rich artistic heritage. And I would like to thank Southampton College for their generous scholarship that will help our young artists develop their creative talents while they receive a college education."

In addition to the prize for the winner, the competition will give talented art students the opportunity to have their work shown in an exhibit from April 12-23 at two different libraries in Suffolk County, which the East End Arts Council will curate. The exhibit will be judged by art professor and artists from Suffolk County.

The winner will receive a \$10,000 scholarship to study art at Southampton College and two complimentary airline tickets from Southwest Airlines to attend a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Students interested in entering work should contact their art teachers or principals. Work must be submitted to the East End Arts Council office at 133 East Main Street in Riverhead by April 3. The office is open from Monday-Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm. The contact is Liz Malunowicz at 727-0900 or e-mail her at gallery@eastendarts.org.

The winner will be announced during a reception on Sunday, April 25 at 4 p.m. in the Avram Family Galleries at Southampton College. All participating artists, their families, and teachers are invited to attend that reception, where Bishop will recognize each student before announcing the winner.

Those interested in participating should contact Jane Finalborgo in Congressman Bishop's District in Southampton at 631-259-8450.

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